

METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT INTERFACE  
FOR A METAL-SILICON CONTACT BARRIER FILM

ABSTRACT

A method for forming a conductive contact having an atomically flat  
5 interface. A layer containing titanium and one of cobalt, tungsten, tantalum, or  
molybdenum is deposited on a silicon substrate and the resulting structure is annealed in a  
nitrogen-containing atmosphere at about 500°C to about 700°C. A conductive material is  
deposited on top of the structure formed on anneal. A flat interface is formed that  
prevents diffusion of conductive materials into the underlying silicon substrate. The  
10 method can be used to form contacts for very small devices and shallow junctions, such as  
are required for ULSI shallow junctions.